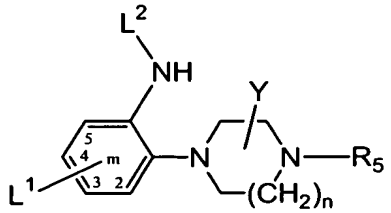
What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I):



formula (I)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

L^1 is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the L^1 substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I);

L^1 is selected from the group consisting of R_{1b}, R_2-C(O), R_{1a}-SO_2 and R_{1a}-O(O)C-;

R_{1a} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_{1b} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_2 is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl;

L^2 is selected from the group consisting of R_3-C(O)-, R_4-SO_2-, R_6-NHC(S)- and R_6-NHC(O)-;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;
wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents

independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_6 is aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C1-4)alkylamino, di(C1-4)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L^1 substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^2 is R_3-C(O)- and R_3 is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted C_{1-8}alkyl, substituted aryl, unsubstituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted heteroaryl, then L^1 is R_2-C(O).

3. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^2 is R_3-C(O)- and R_3 is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted C_{1-8}alkyl, substituted aryl, unsubstituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted heteroaryl, then R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more optionally substituted aryl substituents.

4. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^2 is R_4-SO_2- and R_4 is unsubstituted C_{1-8}alkyl, then L^1 is R_2-C(O), wherein R_2 is substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl.

5. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^2 is R_4-SO_2- and R_4 is unsubstituted C_{1-8}alkyl, then R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more optionally substituted aryl substituents.

6. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^1 is selected from the group consisting of R_{1b} and R_{1a}-O(O)C-, then L^2 is R_6-NHC(O)-, wherein R_6 is substituted or unsubstituted aryl.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^1 is selected from the group consisting of R_{1b} and R_{1a}-O(O)C-, then R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more optionally substituted aryl substituents.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein

R_{1a} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_{1b} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino,

mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_6 is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C1-4)alkylamino, di(C1-4)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro,

C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

9. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^2 is R_3-C(O)- and R_3 is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted C_{1-8}alkyl, substituted aryl, unsubstituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted heteroaryl, then R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.

10. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^2 is R_4-SO_2- and R_4 is unsubstituted C_{1-8}alkyl, then R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.

11. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L^1 is selected from the group consisting of R_{1b} and R_{1a}-O(O)C-, then R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.

12. The compound of claim 1, wherein

R_{1a} is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_{1b} is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_2 is piperazinyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-4}alkyl;

L^2 is selected from the group consisting of R_3-C(O)-, R_4-SO_2- and R_6-NHC(O)-;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy; and,

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-4}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_6 is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano,

halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-4}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is absent;

m is an integer from 3 to 4 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L^1 substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is 1.

13. The compound of claim 12, wherein

R_{1a} is C_{1-4}alkyl;

R_{1b} is hydroxy(C_{1-4})alkyl-;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-4}alkyl;

(b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy; and,

(c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and aryl,

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl; and,

(e) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_6 is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl; and,

(h) aryl.

14. The compound of claim 13, wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-4}alkyl;

(b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and halogen; and,

(c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and phenyl; wherein said phenyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and halogen;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl; and,

(e) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and halogen;

R_6 is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, amino, halogen and hydroxy; and,

R_5 is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl substituents, wherein phenyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, amino, halogen and hydroxy.

15. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy.

16. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy.

17. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} is C_{1-4}alkyl.

18. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1b} is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino and hydroxy.

19. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1b} is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy.

20. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1b} is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy.

21. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 is piperazinyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-4}alkyl.

22. The compound of claim 1, wherein L^2 is R_3-C(O)-.

23. The compound of claim 22, wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-4}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

24. The compound of claim 22, wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-4}alkyl;

(b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy; and,

(c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and

nitro.

25. The compound of claim 22, wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-4}alkyl;

(b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and halogen; and,

(c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and phenyl; wherein said phenyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and halogen.

26. The compound of claim 1, wherein L^2 is R_3-C(O)- and R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.

27. The compound of claim 26, wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-4}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

28. The compound of claim 1, wherein L^2 is R_4-SO_2-.

29. The compound of claim 28, wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

30. The compound of claim 28, wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl; and,

(e) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl and halogen.

31. The compound of claim 1, wherein L^2 is R_4-SO_2- and R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.

32. The compound of claim 31, wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

33. The compound of claim 1, wherein L^2 is R_6-NHC(O)-.

34. The compound of claim 33, wherein R_6 is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

35. The compound of claim 1, wherein L^2 is R_6-NHC(O)- and R_5 is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.

36. The compound of claim 35, wherein R_6 is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

37. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

38. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

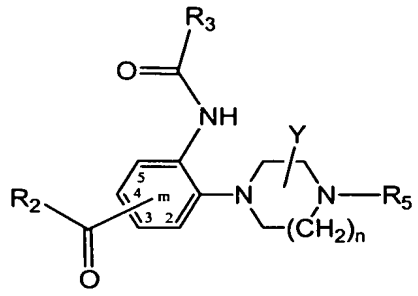
(f) C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl; and,

(h) aryl.

39. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_5 is C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl substituents, wherein phenyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, amino, halogen and hydroxy.

40. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Ia):



formula (Ia)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

R_2-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the R_2-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia);

R_2 is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the R_2-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

41. The compound of claim 40, wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy,

amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

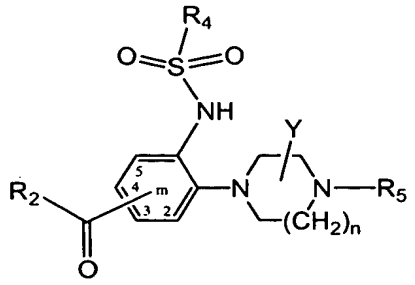
wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

42. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Ib):



formula (Ib)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

R_2-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the R_2-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib);

R_2 is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano,

halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the R_2-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

43. The compound of claim 42, wherein

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

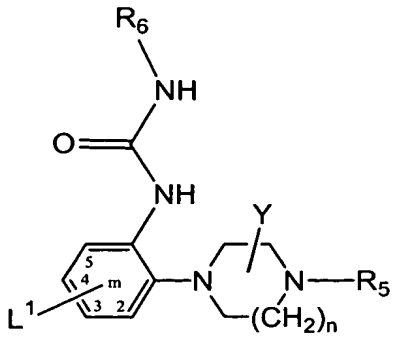
wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

44. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Ic):



formula (Ic)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

L^1 is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the L^1 substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic);

L^1 is selected from the group consisting of R_{1b}, R_{1a}-SO_2- and R_{1a}-O(O)C-;

R_{1a} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_{1b} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_6 is aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino,

mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L^1 substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

45. The compound of claim 44, wherein

R_{1a} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_{1b} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_6 is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

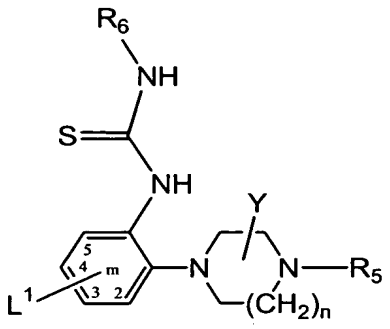
wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

46. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Id):



formula (Id)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

L^1 is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the L^1 substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Id);

L^1 is selected from the group consisting of R_{1b}, R_2-C(O)-, R_{1a}-SO_2- and R_{1a}-O(O)C-;

R_{1a} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_{1b} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_2 is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl;

R_6 is aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L^1 substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Id); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

47. The compound of claim 46, wherein

R_{1a} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_{1b} is C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R_6 is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently

selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

48. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-benzamide;

5-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-3-furancarboxamide;

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-2-furancarboxamide;

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-propanamide;

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;

4-chloro-*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-benzenesulfonamide;

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-1-butanesulfonamide;

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-*N'*-phenyl-urea.

N-[2-[4-[bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]-*N'*-phenyl-urea; and,

4-[4-[bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

49. A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, tableting ingredient or diluent and the compound of claim 1.

50. A method of treating or preventing a disease or condition in a subject which disease or condition is affected by phospholipase modulation, which method comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.

51. The method of claim 50, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 49.

52. A method of treating or ameliorating an inflammatory disorder in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.

53. The method of claim 52, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 49.

54. A method of treating or ameliorating restenosis in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 by impregnating the therapeutically effective amount of said compound on the surface of a medical device and administering the medical device to the subject.

55. The method of claim 54, wherein the method further comprises a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 49 impregnated on the surface of said medical device.